

*City of Burien*

BURIEN PLANNING COMMISSION

May 14, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Multipurpose Room/Council Chambers

MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jim Clingan called the May 14, 2014, meeting of the Burien Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jim Clingan, Butch Henderson, Joey Martinez, Amy Rosenfield, Brooks Stanfield, Douglas Weber

Absent: Curtis Olsen

Administrative staff present: David Johanson, senior planner; Chip Davis, Community Development director

**AGENDA CONFIRMATION**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Vice Chair Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to approve the agenda for the May 14, 2014, meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Vice Chair Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Henderson, and passed 6-0 to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2014, meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2014 Comprehensive Plan – Introduction regarding Utilities Element updates**

David Johanson, senior planner, suggested three questions that the Planning Commission should consider in reviewing the Utilities Element – are there utility-related issues that need particular attention, do the existing goals and policies adequately express or are consistent with the Burien Vision, and are there questions regarding the districts' own planning efforts and how they relate to our plan update.

He then presented background on the Utilities Element and how it relates to Vision 2040 and the Countywide Planning Policies. He summarized the four goals in the current element and noted that the starting point in reviewing the element is a utilities "inventory." Mr. Johanson noted that five water

districts, three sewer districts, two electrical power providers, one natural gas provider, one solid waste collector, and multiple telecommunications providers serve Burien residents. He noted that most of Burien's water comes from Seattle's Cedar River watershed; Seattle sells the water to the local water districts.

Mr. Johanson said that some areas, mostly in Northeast Burien or in some areas on the steep slopes along the coast, are not hooked up to sewers yet. One of the City's policies is to eventually have everyone hooked into a sewer system.

While most of Burien receives electric power from Seattle City Light, Mr. Johanson said, Puget Sound Energy provides power to the south end of the city and natural gas service to the entire city.

He said Burien's solid waste collection service provider will be changing in June. He talked about some of the waste collection/recycling special events in Burien, including Clean Sweep, and noted that the City has a policy to encourage recycling and waste reduction.

Mr. Johanson said that since nearly all of Burien's utilities are provided by districts, the City works regularly with them on their planning efforts.

He added that stormwater drainage is covered by the City's Drainage Master Plan, which was updated in 2012 with a great deal of public process.

Commissioner Martinez asked if there are any provisions either at the city level or the district level to help senior property owners financially in the event of an emergency requirement to hook into a sewer line. Mr. Johanson said he would have to do a little research before he could answer that question.

Commissioner Martinez also asked if there is the possibility that a future Burien City Council could enter into an agreement to buy out one of the water districts. Mr. Johanson stated that it is possible, although there would be a great deal of work to be done prior to that happening.

Commissioner Stanfield asked if there are policies about integrating swales with gravel paths to handle stormwater while creating more walkable neighborhoods. Mr. Johanson said there might be something like that in both the Drainage Master Plan and the Transportation Master Plan; he will check on it and report back.

Commissioner Stanfield then asked what some of the barriers are to recycling in the commercial sector. Mr. Johanson said that would be a conversation to have with the service provider.

Commissioner Weber asked if the City collects data on how many homes are connected to the optional utilities such as high speed internet. Mr. Johanson said he'd try to find out. Commissioner Weber then asked if there is a requirement for the utilities serving the residents to provide a status report to the City or is it information they provide just to their customers. Mr. Johanson replied that he got much of his information from the districts' system plans.

### **Direction/Action**

Mr. Johanson said he will provide commissioners with a rough draft of suggested amendments to the Utilities Element by their next meeting and the discussion will continue.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Stanfield announced that May is National Bike Month and Friday is National Bike to Work Day. For the third consecutive year, WABI will be hosting a commuter station from 6 – 9 a.m. in the Town Square Park. He said they've had between 50 to 60 cyclists riding to work in bad weather in each of the past two years; with this year's improved weather forecast, he anticipates 75-100 riders will participate.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Chip Davis said he will be on vacation and absent from the next Commission meeting. He also said that in June and July the commission will begin working on zoning code amendments dealing with animal husbandry, food trucks, portable and temporary signage, and the subdivision code, which is Title 17 of the Burien Municipal Code.

Chair Clingan asked about the status of potential marijuana retail shops. Mr. Davis reported that all six of the applicants for the one license available for Burien were disqualified for the licensing lottery for either not providing all the information requested by the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB), not passing the preliminary security review by the WSLCB, or the site that they proposed for the retail outlet was within 1,000 feet of a child-oriented facility. Therefore, at this point, Burien will not have a retail license in place. However, a production/processing business may locate in Burien; the WSLCB is granting those licenses on a different schedule than the retail licenses and there are two applicants for locations in Burien.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Direction/Action**

Commissioner Martinez moved for adjournment; Commissioner Stanfield seconded. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**APPROVED:** May 28, 2014

/s/ Jim Clingan, chair  
Planning Commission